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\$800,000 Grant To Woodstock for New Roxbury Village Rehabilitation



Governor M. Jodi Rell and Congressman Rob Simmons announced today that the state has awarded the town of Woodstock an \$800,000 Small Cities program grant for the rehabilitation of the New Roxbury Village elderly housing complex. Rep. Mike Alberts praised the work of all involved in obtaining the much needed funding.

The 35-year-old New Roxbury Village is a non-profit housing community for elderly and disabled persons. Work to be completed on the 24-unit complex includes the following:

- Upgrades to the alarm system and ramps
- Installation of walk-in showers
- Installation of ADA-compliant toilets and bathroom fixtures
- Installation of replacement windows

In addition, eight of the smaller, undersized units will be expanded. Twelve of the units will receive replacement kitchen cabinets and counters.

"All across the state, we are doing our best to make sure our senior housing is accessible, safe and up-to-date," Governor Rell said. "This is an excellent investment that will improve the quality of life for the many seniors living at New Roxbury Village. We are pleased to announce this funding for Woodstock."

"I commend Governor Rell for her support of this important program," said U.S. Representative Simmons. "New Roxbury Village provides quality affordable housing to the town's senior and disabled citizens. This money will go towards necessary improvements to the complex- greatly enhancing the living environment. I've long been a supporter of community development block grant funding, particularly the Small Cities program, because I've seen firsthand what that funding has done to revitalize communities here in eastern Connecticut. Important projects such as this are why we continue to fight so hard to fully fund the community development block grant program in Congress."

"During a tour of New Roxbury Village two years ago I was struck by the lack of accessibility within the units and the lack of space in several of the apartments," said

State Representative Mike Alberts (R-Woodstock). “I was pleased to make our former First Selectman, Ms. Delpha Very, aware of the Small Cities Block Grant Program so that she and the Board of Selectmen could formally apply for it. Delpha and Selectman Mitch Eaffy in particular deserve much credit for bringing this proposal forward to fruition today.”

Governor Rell and Congressman Simmons announced last week that the state awarded the town of Killingly a \$600,000 Small Cities program grant to replace the heating system at Maple Court.

The federally funded Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program provides grants to eligible municipalities for economic development, affordable housing, community facilities and services, and revitalization or development projects. The funds are supplied by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the state Department of Economic and Community Development.